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STARRING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

# SONIC THE COMIC

ALL NEW STORIES

## AHOY!

CAPTAIN PLUNDER AHEAD!

FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

UNCOVERING WRECKS!

SONIC!

D.I.Y. WOR-SHIPPER!

TAILS!

ROCKING THE BOAT!

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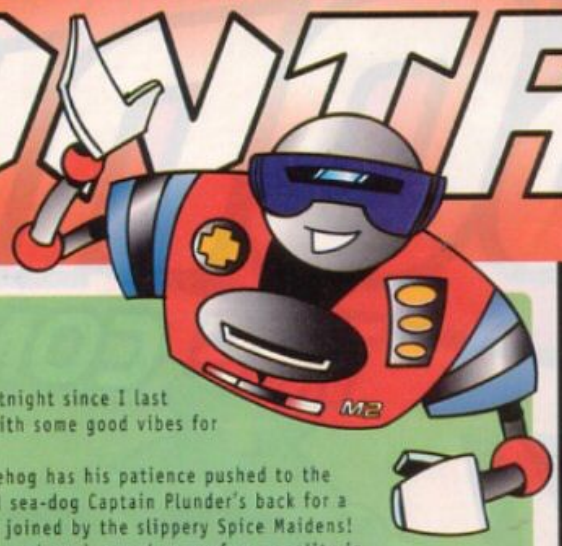

Hey, Boomers,

It hardly seems a whole fortnight since I last spoke to you - but here I am again with some good vibes for my favourite humes (that's you lot!).

A certain speedy blue hedgehog has his patience pushed to the limit by a DIY disaster area! That old sea-dog Captain Plunder's back for a brand new series, only this time he's joined by the slippery Spice Maidens! Tails fans watch out, your fave fox is undergoing a change of personality in Flip Side! Amy, Tekno and Johnny stumble across suspicious goings on in Crawling from the Wreckage, plus there's another Badnik Pin-up and a Zany Amy Zone.

Time for me to wreak havoc and mayhem around the office by going on a cappucino sit down strike (don't ask, just trust that I'll be up and hovering in time for the next issue).

Megadroid

# ART ARREST!

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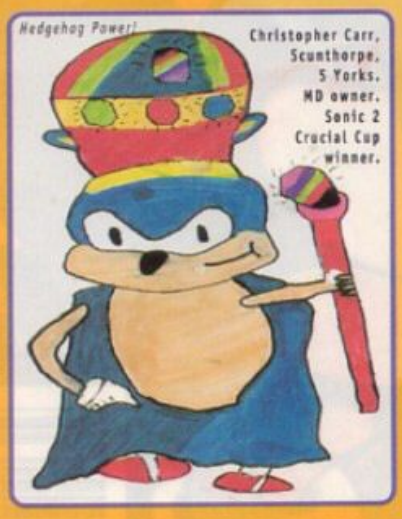


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5. Keep practising (how do you think the *STC* artists got to such a high standard!).


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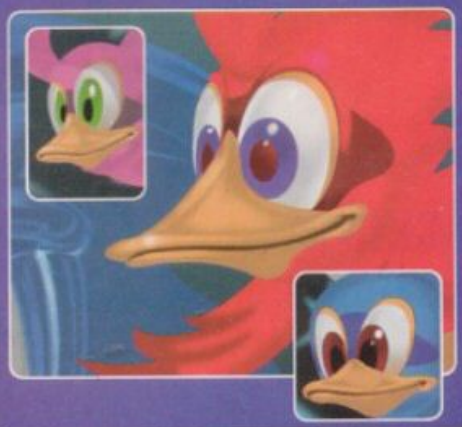
## WATCH THOSE BIRDIES

### IN STC 104!

Another high-flying Sonic adventure: Flickies' Island is winging its way to you in time for the next issue of *STC* (miss it at your peril!).



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
DIY DANGER
COMPLETE STORY
Script: LEW STRINGER B & W Art: ROBERTO CORONA COLOUR: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: TOM FRAME
THE JADE HILL ZONE WHERE SONIC IS PRESENT AT AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY...
AS ZONE LEADER OF THE JADE HILL IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO OPEN THIS NEW BRIDGE BUILT FOR US BY LOCAL HANDYMAN MR ROGER BODGE!
EASY WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT TOOLS, GUV'NOR!
YAWN! GET ON WITH IT! IT'LL BE DARK IN NINE HOURS!
I DECLARE THIS BRIDGE OPEN! WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN ME IN A WALK ACROSS IT, MISTER BODGE?
I'D BE CHUFFED, GUV!
SNIP!
COME BACK! THAT BRIDGE ISN'T SAFE!
ARE YOU QUESTIONING MY BUILDING SKILLS?
CREEEAK!

AAIIEEE!
AAGH! IT MUST BE A FAULT IN THE WOOD GRAIN! YEEEEK!
CRRRACK!
HELP!
GUESS I'D BETTER SAVE THAT BOZO!
THIS ISN'T GONNA BE EASY! I CAN'T SWIM!
HANG ON, DUDE!
GULP!

IF YOU WANT A DIP, TRY THE LOCAL SWIMMING BATHS!
GASP!
THANKS, SONIC! YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
THE PLEASURE'S ALL YOURS, PAL!
YOU OKAY, ZONE LEADER?
YES, NO THANKS TO THAT FOOL!
I TOLD YOU... IT'S THE WOOD! WEAK WOOD! THAT'S IT. ER... FROM UNDERNOURISHED TREES, Y'KNOW!
PAH! A LIKELY STORY!
RIGHT, I'M OFF!
HEY!
HANG ABOUT, SONIC! YOU RESCUED ME AND I OWE YOU!
COME AND MEET THE WIFE! HAVE A CUP OF TEA!
LOOK, I...
I INSIST!

OBVIOUSLY, BEING IN THE BUILDING TRADE, I'M A BIT OF A DO-IT-YOURSELF EXPERT, AS YOU CAN SEE!
YEAH, IT'S... ER... A TRUE EXAMPLE OF YOUR ABILITIES!
THIS IS GLADYS, THE MISSUS! SONIC SAVED MY LIFE TODAY, DEAR!
AND YOU WANT ME TO THANK HIM!
EW! YOU BRAVE HEDGEHOG!
I TURNED THIS PLACE INTO A LITTLE PALACE ALL BY MYSELF, Y'KNOW!
THIS IS ABOUT AS INTERESTING AS WATCHING PAINT DRY!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MY ROBOT BUTLER? I'VE JUST PAINTED HIM A LOVELY SHADE OF MARIGOLD!
ROBOT BUTLER?
OH YES! I REBUILT IT FROM SCRAP!
OH NO! THAT'S ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S OLD TROOPERS!

IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE! I RE-PROGRAMMED IT!
TAP! TAP!
CLICK!
ENEMY IN SIGHT!
SMAAASHH!
UGH! I GUESS HIS OLD PROGRAM JUST KICKED BACK IN!
DESTROY!
EEK! MY LOVELY PATIO DOORS!

KTANNNG!
CREEAK!
ANOTHER SUPER SPIN ATTACK SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
DONK!
OWW!
YOU ARE AT MY MERCY, HEDGEHOG! PREPARE TO...
...TO...TO...HAVE A NICE CUP OF TEA, SIR!
HUH?

I MODIFIED ONE OF HIS ARMS INTO A TEAPOT WHEN I REPAIRED HIM!
NO SUGAR IN MINE, ROBOT!
THIS... DOES NOT COMPUTE!
FIZZZT!
BZZT!
TRANSFORMING HIM FROM A TROOPER INTO A TEA-MAKER HAS DAMAGED HIS PROGRAMMING! HE'S GONNA SELF-DESTRUCT!
WHUBOOM!
OUR LOVELY HOME!
OH NO, ROGER! NOW YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING EVEN MORE D.I.Y!
YEAH, SURE!
JUST DO US A FAVOUR, BODGE! NEXT TIME YOU FEEL YOU WANT TO DO IT YOURSELF...
...DON'T!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE: FLICKIES' ISLAND!

NEW STORY
Captain Plunder
Part 1
THE SPICE MAIDENS
Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ELITTA FELL
IN AN OUT OF THE WAY REGION LIES SCOURGE BAY, INFAMOUS HOME TO THE PIRATES OF PLANET MOBIUS.
AW, C'MON, CAPTAIN PLUNDER... IT'S GOT TO BE SOME-ONE ELSE'S TURN TO CARRY THE STICK!
SHUT YER TRAP, SIMPSON! IF YOU WANT TA BE A PIRATE, YER GOT TO LEARN TO FOLLOW THE CAP'N'S ORDERS!
CAP'N, I SPY SOMEONE A COMING!

GET OUT OF SIGHT, SIMPSON! YOU REMEMBER WHAT TO DO?
YOU BET! BOY OH BOY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THIS!
LOVELY EVENIN'!
LOVELY!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TWO BLIGHTERS AFTER?
THIS BE YOUR LUCKY NIGHT, MATEY!
TOMORROW I SET SAIL FOR THE EAST IN SEARCH OF TREASURE! JOIN MY CREW AN' YOU'LL BE RICH BEYOND YOUR WILDEST DREAMS!
I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE! YEP, SURE HAVE!
NO, IT BE TRUE! LOOK, I HAVE A MAP AN' EVERYTHING!
THIS ANCIENT MAP HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS!
SO HOW BE IT THAT THE INK IS STILL WET?
Here Be Treasure
CAP'N, I TOLD EE THE MAP IDEA WASN'T GOING TO WORK!
WAIT A MINUTE, I RECOGNISE YOU! YOU BE CAPTAIN PLUNDER...THE BIGGEST FOUL UP ON THE SEVEN SEAS!

NOW DON'T EE BE SO HASTY!
I BE SURE WE CAN CONVINCE YOU TO JOIN MY CREW!
I SAID, "I BE SURE WE CAN CONVINCE YOU TO JOIN MY CREW!"
THAT BE YOUR SIGNAL, SIMPSON!
OH, SORRY... I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF! RIGHT, HERE I COME!
HAI!
WHERE'D EE GET THE OUTFIT FROM?
DON'T ASK ME... HE BE ALWAYS DOIN' THINGS LIKE THAT!
SIMPSON, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HIT HIM!
CAPTAIN PLUNDER... BIGGEST FOUL UP ON THE SEVEN SEAS!

YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT AS A PIRATE, SIMPSON... DOES EE KNOW WHY?
N...NO, CAP'N...
'CAUSE I BE GOING TO KILL YOU!
CAPTAIN PLUNDER, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
OH NO, IT BE ZORABEL, THE PIRATE QUEEN!
I HEAR YOU BE LOOKING FOR CREW... WELL I GOT YOU FIVE!
YOU REMEMBER MY DAUGHTERS, CAPTAIN!
YER DAUGHTERS! FIGURE I DO...
WHAT ABOUT THEM?
THEY BE JOINING YER CREW, PLUNDER!
LET'S GO GET 'EM!

THIS BE THE ROUGHEST TAVERN IN TOWN... WHAT WOULD YOUR DAUGHTERS BE DOING IN HERE?
THE SAME THING THEY ALWAYS DO...
CAUSING BOTHER!

NEXT ISSUE: GIRL TROUBLE!

# NEXT ISSUE

# SONIC! FLICKIES' ISLAND!

## AHEAD OF THE REST!

**TAILS!**
COOL OR FOOL!

**DECAP ATTACK!**
FUNNY OLD GAME!

**CAPTAIN PLUNDER!**
SPICY ADVENTURES!

**BADNIK PIN-UP!**
BARROBOT!

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# SONIC'S WORLD

COMPLETE STORY

# CRAWLING FROM THE WRECKAGE

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME

THE METROPOLIS ZONE, WHERE AMY, JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT AND TEKNO THE CANARY SCOUR THE RUINS OF CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
SONIC SURE TRASHED THIS PLACE!
WELL, IF A JOB'S WORTH DOING, JOHNNY, IT'S WORTH DOING PROPERLY!*
*THE EVIL CITADEL WAS DESTROYED IN STC 100 – Megadroid.

MAYBE IT'S SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK! HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE BEFORE ROBOTNIK WAS DEFEATED!
I HOPE SO, AMY! I MISS THAT GRUMPY TIN-HEAD!*
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
*THEIR CYBERNIK PAL QUIT THE GANG IN STC 97 – Megadroid.

THE SIGNALS ARE COMING FROM UNDERGROUND! THINK WE CAN BURROW THROUGH THE WRECKAGE, JOHNNY?
HEY, LEAVE IT TO ME, TEKNO! DIGGING IS A RABBIT SPECIALITY!
SHHH! I CAN HEAR VOICES!
...AND TODAY WE HAVE BROTHER NORMAN WHO WISHES TO JOIN OUR HALLOWED RANKS...
GASP! WHAT IS THIS?
...ONE MORE TO STRENGTHEN OUR CAUSE...
BROTHER NORMAN, YOU ARE NOW A MEMBER OF D.R.A.T...
...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S APPRECIATION TRIBE!
THIS IS THE PROUDEST DAY OF MY LIFE!
ALL HAIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

IT'S A SECRET FAN CLUB FOR ROBOTNIK!
TRUST A TYRANT TO BE HERO-WORSHIPPED!
YOU MAY KISS THE GOLDEN NOSE OF ROBOTNIK AND RECITE THE OATH, BROTHER NORMAN!
MMwwAH! I OBEY, GRAND CHIEF WHIP!
HE MAY BE UGLY, MEAN AND BAD. HE MAY STRIKE FEAR WHERE HEARTS WERE GLAD. ALTHOUGH HE BROUGHT US GRIM DISASTER, HE'LL ALWAYS BE OUR RIGHTFUL MASTER!
BRING BACK THE DOCTOR!
WE'RE BRINGING THIS MEETING TO A CLOSE...
...PERMANENTLY!
BY THE GREAT MOUSTACHE! ENEMIES OF THE MASTER!
FOR THE GLORY OF D.R.A.T... DESTROY THEM!

VVAMM!
THEY'VE GOT EX-TROOPER LASER BLASTERS!
THIS BASEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN THE OLD ARMOURY!
ZZAPP!
PYOWW!
BACK UP THE STEPS! WE'LL STAND A BETTER CHANCE OUTSIDE!
GOOD IDEA!
STRANGE! THEY HAVEN'T FOLLOWED US!
MAYBE THEY SUFFER FROM AGROPHOBIA?
SKRRUNNNCH!
YOU'RE FINISHED, HEROES!
UH-OH!
LOOKS LIKE THEY FOUND ANOTHER UNUSED WEAPON!

YEE-HAAA! EXCELLENT! I WONDER WHY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK NEVER USED THIS AGAINST YOU LOT?
KA-THUMP!
REBOINNG
SMASH!
AAAGH!
I THINK YOU'VE JUST DISCOVERED ITS BASIC DESIGN FLAW, "BROTHER NORMAN"!
WE'VE CHECKED BELOW AND THE REST OF THE GOON ORDER HAVE ESCAPED!
D.R.A.T. WILL RETURN! ROBOTNIK WILL RULE AGAIN!
FORGET IT, PAL!
YEAH! LEARN A LESSON FROM TODAY AND KNOCK IT ON THE HEAD!
GROAN...!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE: DECAP ATTACK ARE BACK!

# ZANY AMY ZONE

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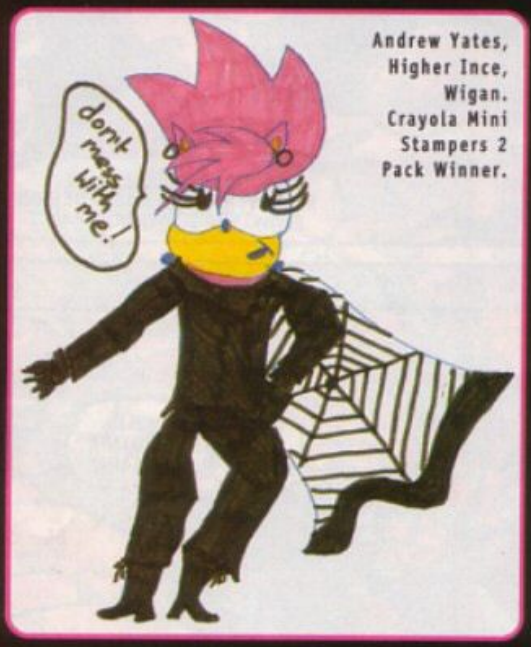


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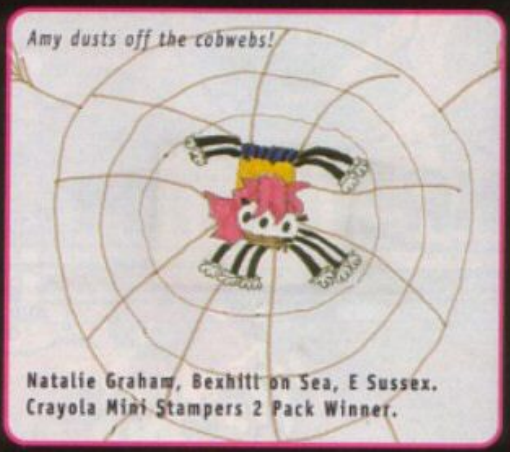


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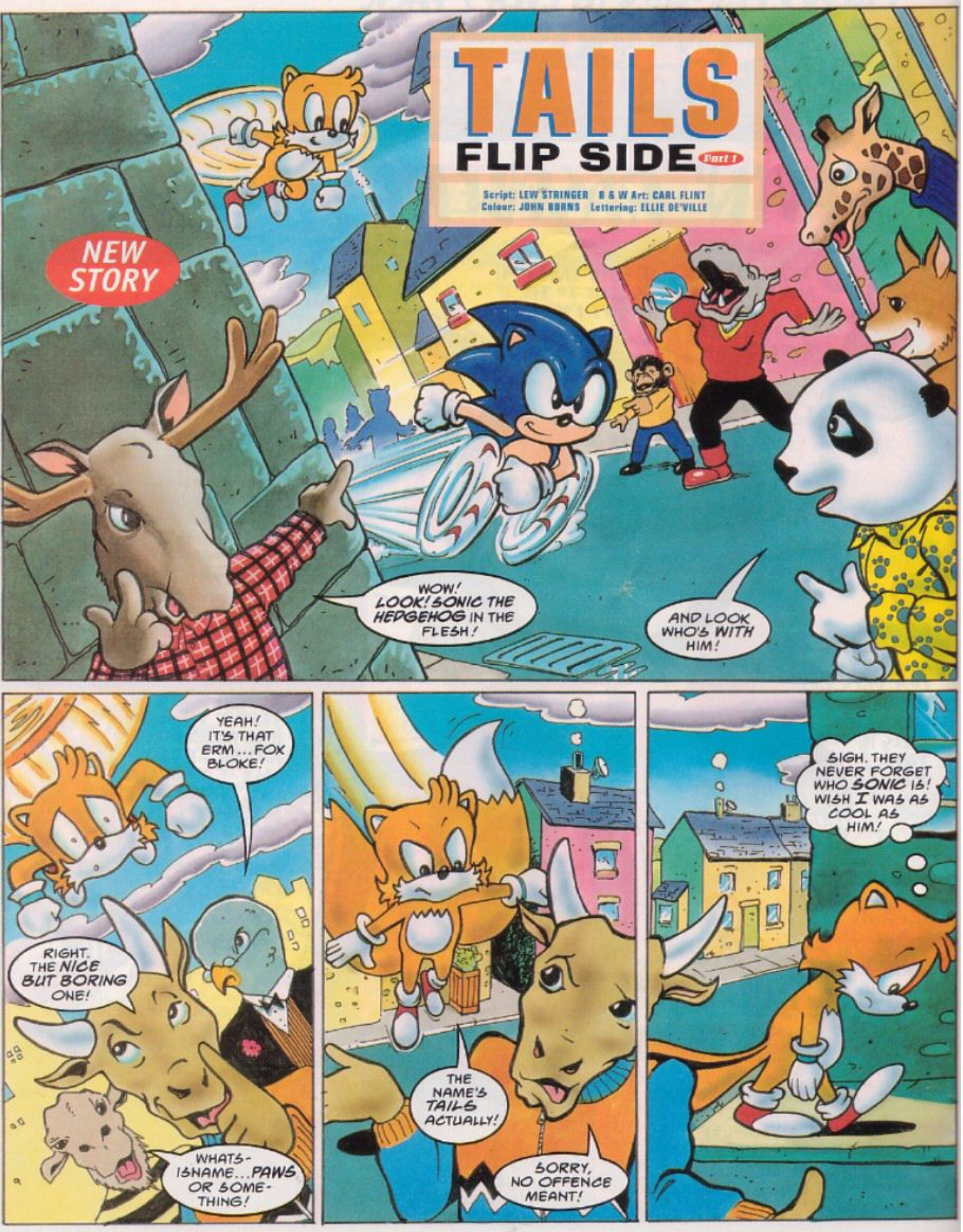
TAILS
FLIP SIDE
Part 1
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Colour: JOHN BURNS Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE
NEW STORY
WOW! LOOK! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE FLESH!
AND LOOK WHO'S WITH HIM!
YEAH! IT'S THAT ERM... FOX BLOKE!
RIGHT. THE NICE BUT BORING ONE!
WHATS-ISNAME... PAWS OR SOMETHING!
THE NAME'S TAILS ACTUALLY!
SORRY, NO OFFENCE MEANT!
SIGH. THEY NEVER FORGET WHO SONIC IS! WISH I WAS AS COOL AS HIM!

THAT MIGHT BE WORTH A TRY!
HEY YOU! Boring? Untrendy?
Try Dr. Sorders Self-improvement lessons!
HEY, PIXEL BRAIN! MOVING ON TO THE GREEN-FIELD ZONE OR NOT?
YOU GO AHEAD, SONIC! I'VE, ERM, GOT THINGS TO DO!
HAH! PROBABLY FLOWER PRESSING OR SOMETHING EQUALLY JUST AS DULL!
WHOOOSH!
TAILS PAYS DOCTOR SORDERS A VISIT...
RELAX TAILS, AND WATCH THE ENERGY LIGHTS AS THEY REVOLVE!
BUT HOW WILL A SUNBED IMPROVE MY CONFIDENCE, DOCTOR?
I ASSURE YOU, TAILS, IT'S NOT A SUNBED! IT'S TO HYPNOTISE YOU! SO BLANK YOUR MIND AND JUST RELAX! YOU'RE FEELING SLEEPY...
YAWN. Sleepy...

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, TAILS... YOU'RE ONE COOL FOX...
...COOL... COOL... COOL...
SOON AFTER...
NOW, REMEMBER, YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE, TAILS. HOW DO YOU FEEL?
WOW! I FEEL GOOD!
WHY, CAN'T YOU TELL? I'M ONE COOL FOX!
I THINK I MAY HAVE OVERDONE THE HYPNOSIS!
YEAH, DOC! EVERY-THING'S JUST GROOVY!
COME BACK! SOMETHING'S WRONG! YOU'RE ACTING TOO MUCH OUT OF CHARACTER!
LATER, IN THE GREENFIELD ZONE...
SONIC! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
WHAT'S THE SITUATION, ZONE LEADER?

ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE ALF BANDSTAND IS FLYING THE WORLD'S FIRST ROUND-THE-ZONES BALLOON FLIGHT, BUT HE'S IN TROUBLE!
Help!
WOODPECKER
I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE HAVING A WOODPECKER FOR A CO-PILOT!
SORRY! FORCE OF HABIT!
MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE GROUND...
YO! SONIC MA HEDGEHOG! HOW'S IT HANGIN'?
TAILS? WHAT'S WITH THE BACK-TO-FRONT CAP AND SHADES?
DON'T YOU KNOW COOL WHEN YOU SEE IT, BLUE GUY?
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN COOL? YOU'RE JUST... A PIXEL BRAIN!
HEY, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD... TIMES ARE A CHANGING BUDDY!
EW! TAILS! YOU'RE THE COOLEST NOW!
I GOTTA BE DREAMING!

AHEM! IF YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY, SONIC! THE FOLK IN THE BALLOON COULD USE YOUR HELP!
NO SWEAT, ZONE LEADER! TAILS AND ME WILL SAVE THEM!
WE'RE GONNA CRASH! HELLLP!
TAILS! I NEED YOU TO FLY UP AND RESCUE THOSE GUYS! WHERE ARE YOU?
CHILL, SONIC! I'M HAVING MY TAILS BRUSHED! I DON'T WANNA RUFFLE MY FUR BY FLYING AROUND!
SNAP OUT OF IT, TAILS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
I'VE GOTTA MAKE TAILS SNAP BACK TO HIS OLD SELF OR THE DUDES IN THE FALLING BALLOON WILL END UP AS PAVEMENT PANCAKES!
NEXT ISSUE: SPLAT? DOES TAILS LOSE HIS COOL?

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I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS SPIKEBALL!
OLD LARD BELLY WAS SO BIG HE COULDN'T EVEN FIT THROUGH BARS 10 FOOT APART!
THE BEST COMIC IN THE WORLD
Oliver Hambling-Jones, Ipswich, Suffolk. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

## FIGHTING CHANCE?

Dear *STC*,

One of your creative humes, Lew Stringer worked for Marvel Comics on Transformers comic in 1991 and did a story called Combat Colin which also featured his assistant, Automatic Steve. I enjoyed it so much I wanted to know if you could please pull out all the stops and start printing Combat Colin in *STC*?

**Ryan Mascord, Hastings, Sussex. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.**

*'fraid not, Ryan, for one thing Combat Colin doesn't have enough fuel in his Combat Rocket to reach Planet Mobius!*

## PARSONS KNOWS!

Question: What do hedgehogs eat?
Answer: Prickled onions!

**Craig Parsons, Staines, Middlesex. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.**

*An old joke that's worth preserving, Craig!*

## COSTA POPULARITY!

Dear *STC*,

I live in Madrid and subscribe to *STC* every year. Brilliant you might think but my problem is that my friends can't get their own copies so they pinch mine! Is it possible for them to get *STC* here in Spain, so that they'll keep their hands off mine? Yours in desperation!

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